

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2005 in the above-identified application. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following comments, the application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-15 and 17-47 were previously pending in the application. The claims were numbered incorrectly upon filing of the application and did not include claim 16. By this amendment, claims 1, 3-5 and 10 are amended, and claims 2, 11 and 15 are canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-10, 12-14 and 17-47 are pending in the application. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 6-8, 10 and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Shigehara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,813,008). Claims 2-5, 9 and 11 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations in the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 17-45 are allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 2, and claim 2 has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-9 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 11, and claim 11 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 10 and 12-14 are allowable.

The Office Action does not address claims 46 and 47. Applicant believes that claims 46 and 47 are allowable over the prior art of record, and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

For these reasons, claims 1, 3-10, 12-14 and 17-47 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Order No. A0312.70418US00 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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